

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on July 29, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Hoxie post office located in Hoxie, Arkansas. The petition for review was filed by Lanny Tinker, Mayor of the city of Hoxie (Petitioner) and is postmarked July 22, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than August 15, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: August 1, 2011

Attachment

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to consolidate our post office as of July 23, 2011. This action is being taken after meeting the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, and over our protestations.

We the customers of the Hoxie Post Office vigorously protest this action, in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the postal service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small town where the post office is not self-sustaining.


The Postal Service's decision to consolidate our post office with the Walnut Ridge Post Office is being done over our objections. This will mean the loss of our identity as a community. We will not have a postmaster to whom we can take our problems, complaints and compliments. We will be directed to a distant postmaster in the home office of our station. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps. Since we are a small community with several senior citizens depending on others for transportation, we feel it is important to keep this facility. Our post office is a meeting place for these seniors to socialize.

We cannot see any savings to the Postal Service under this arrangement. The clerk in charge of the station will be earning as much as our postmaster and, more than likely, will not be a resident of our community.

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We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Post Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider our protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to our service needs. Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lanny R. Tinker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Lanny" is written with a large, stylized 'L'. The middle initial "R." is written in a smaller, more formal script. The last name "Tinker" is written with a large, stylized 'T' and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Lanny Tinker
Mayor
City of Hoxie